

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
WESTERN DIVISION AT DAYTON

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

LARRY EVANS,

Defendant.

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: Case No. 3:08cr054  
and 3:10cv046

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JUDGE WALTER HERBERT RICE

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AMENDED DECISION AND ENTRY ADOPTING REPORT AND  
RECOMMENDATIONS OF UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
(DOC. #49) IN THEIR ENTIRETY; DEFENDANT'S OBJECTIONS TO SAID  
JUDICIAL FILING (DOC. #50) OVERRULED; JUDGMENT TO ENTER IN  
FAVOR OF PLAINTIFF AND AGAINST DEFENDANT DISMISSING  
DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO VACATE JUDGMENT, ETC., PURSUANT  
TO U.S.C. § 2255 (DOC. #29), WITH PREJUDICE; CERTIFICATE OF  
APPEALABILITY AND PERMISSION TO APPEAL *IN FORMA PAUPERIS*  
GRANTED; TERMINATION ENTRY

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Pursuant to the reasoning and citations of authority set forth by the United States Magistrate Judge, in his Report and Recommendations filed November 8, 2010 (Doc. #49), as well as upon a thorough de novo review of this Court's file and the applicable law, including a review of the transcript of said oral and evidentiary hearing (Doc. #43), said Report and Recommendations are adopted in their entirety. The Defendant's Objections to said judicial filing (Doc. #50) are overruled. Judgment will be ordered entered in favor of the Plaintiff and against

Defendant herein, dismissing the Defendant's Motion to Vacate, etc., pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2255 (Doc. #29), with prejudice.

A *de novo* review of the evidence presented at the hearing causes the Court (as it did the Magistrate Judge) to find that, despite being informed of his right to have an attorney file a notice of appeal on his behalf, Defendant made no such request until long after the time in which such a document could be filed. At the conclusion of Defendant's sentencing, this Court informed Defendant of his right to file a notice of appeal and that counsel would be appointed for him to complete that task. Moreover, Defendant's counsel testified that she advised her client, prior to the date of sentencing, that his sentence would exceed the recommended guideline range for the offenses to which he had entered guilty pleas. The Court did likewise, during a court appearance held after the entering of the plea and before the date of sentencing. Thus, well before the date of imposition of sentence, Defendant was made aware of the fact that this Court's sentence would be in excess of the advisory sentencing guideline range, by a multiple of some two to three times. Nevertheless, this Court finds that Defendant did not request, in open court or to his counsel, prior to or after sentencing (at least not for some eight months), that a notice of appeal be filed on his behalf. After sentencing, the Court notified Defendant of his right of appeal and he orally indicated an understanding of same.

Given that the Magistrate Judge's evaluation of trial counsel's conduct is one about which reasonable jurists could disagree, the Defendant is given a certificate of appealability and, further, given that any appeal of this Court's Decision would

not be objectively frivolous, this Court grants leave of the Defendant to appeal *in forma pauperis*.

The captioned cause is hereby ordered terminated upon the docket records of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio, Western Division, at Dayton.

September 20, 2011



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WALTER HERBERT RICE  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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